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PIEZOELECTRIC-ELEMENT DRIVING DEVICE

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ABST:

PURPOSE: To provide a piezoelectric-element driving device, which accurately compensates for the change in expansion amount caused by the change with time, temperature change and the like of a piezoelectric element.

CONSTITUTION: A resonance circuit constituted of a charging inductor 13 and the electrostatic capacitance of a piezoelectric element 101, is used, the voltage of a power supply is stepped up and applied on a piezoelectric element and charging is performed. A charging-energy regenerating circuit comprising a secondary inductor 17, which is electromagnetically coupled to the charging inductor, and a diode 18, is provided in a piezoelectric element driving device. In this device, a switching means 20 is provided in the regenerating circuit. The expansion amount is detected from a part 10 of the piezoelectric element. The expansion amount is compared with a specified reference value. At the time when the expansion amount reaches the reference value, ON control is performed for the switching means. At the time of the ON control of a charging- energy regenerating circuit, a voltage V[1] across both ends of the piezoelectric element is held with a sample/hold circuit 30. With the output as the monitoring output, the false safe of the device is realized.

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